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Supply of water to the Willingdon Reservoir, Vriddhachalam taluk.

* 895 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Public Works Department Supervisor in charge of the Willingdon Reservoir, Vriddhachalam taluk, South Arcot district, withheld the supply of water to the reservoir from river Vellar through the supply channel during the rains in November and December 1952;

(*b*) whether the Government received any complaints with regard to the above matter; and

(*c*) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) The supply of water from the river to the reservoir was withheld on the night of 9th December 1952 and on no other occasion in November or December 1952.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Complaints were received in the matter by the Executive Engineer, South Arcot Division, long after the event. The closing of the headsluice of the channel being found to have been necessary in the interests of the banks and other works connected with the channel, no action was called for on the complaints."

Remission given in North Arcot, South Arcot and Chingleput districts.

* 896 Q.—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total remission given to the districts of North Arcot, South Arcot and Chingleput for fasli 1361; and

(*b*) what action has been taken by the Government to obviate the necessity for granting large remissions to North Arcot, South Arcot and Chingleput districts?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) The total remission given to the districts of North Arcot, South Arcot and Chingleput for fasli 1361 was as follows :—

North Arcot—Rs. 16,21,891.

South Arcot—Rs. 6,68,414–14–0.

Chingleput—Rs. 13,14,145.

" (*b*) The remission in the three districts was occasioned by the scarcity of water for irrigation purposes consequent on the failure of rains. In order to provide water for irrigation purposes Irrigation works—Public Works Department—Minor Irrigation and Tank Improvement Works have been taken up. Wells have also been sunk by the ryots under the subsidy scheme."